

[Mr. P. S. Nataraja Pillai.]

- (b) the distance of that road ;
- (c) the distance between Vellanad and Aruvikara along the existing roads ; and
- (d) why the construction of the proposed road is being delayed ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : (a) Yes.

(b) 2 miles and 1500 ft.

(c) About 9 miles *via* Nedumangad.

(d) As the people have not done the earth work and surrendered the required lands in accordance with the Ryots Road Rules.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : When was this road surveyed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : About three years ago.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : At whose instance was it surveyed? Was it at the request of the people or at the instance of the Government?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : At the instance of the people.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Was there a memorial to the effect?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Is it the view of Government that roads would be opened only when the ryots surrender the lands, even if it is to develop the country ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : It is a local need, and as far as this particular road is concerned, it has been decided that it should be opened by the people.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Is it a local need or the opening of a big area in that part of the country that would be done by constructing this road ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : It is a local need.

Kumarakom-Vetchoor Road.

223 *MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any sanctioned scheme for the completion of the Kumarakom-Vetchoor road and how long will it take to complete the same ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : No.

Trace between Kattuchanthai and Ponganad.

224 *MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken any steps to complete the trace between Kattuchanthai in Karavaram pakuthi and Ponganad in Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. I. C. CHACKO : Only some preliminary investigation has been conducted.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*) : Will the honourable member say whether he is convinced that the trace is necessary ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, it is necessary.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Why then was some preliminary investigation alone conducted?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: It is for the people to surrender the land. Further action will be taken as soon as the lands are surrendered.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has the honourable member intimated the people about that?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: I think we have.

Kundekavoo Bridge.

225 *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to repair the Kundekavoo Bridge in the Parur-Ezhikkara Road, if so, when and if not, why not?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes, as soon as the required steel rods are available.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Was the bridge in the present condition even in the pre-war days?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: For the last two years it was in the same condition as it is to-day.

Bridge at Perumpedi.

226 *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any estimate has been prepared to repair the temporary bridge at Perumpedi on the Thottabhagom Mallappalli road?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether he has seen this bridge within the last two years?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: No, Sir.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member whether he has received any report about the condition of the bridge?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Yes. An estimate for Rs. 500 has already been sanctioned for a temporary bridge. An estimate for the construction of a permanent bridge has already been called for.

Bridge at Ennakkad.

227 *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any allotment has been sanctioned to construct a temporary bridge at Ennakkad, east of Ennakkad Market, on the Chennithala-Ennakkad-Puliyur Village road?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: An estimate has been sanctioned for improvements to the road from Ennakkad to Puliyur including the construction of a bridge at Ennakkad.

No allotment has been made for a temporary bridge.